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Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Station  
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The Princess Anne Fire Station is a well-designed neo-Federal brick structure built in 1947. The two-story brick station, built of stretcher bond, has parapet gable ends, brick jack arches, a stone beltcourse and a decorated cornice. The modillion blocks are especially well detailed for a utilitarian type building. Sited next to the Washington Hotel, the brick fire house with its attractive revival design contributes to the historic appearance of Somerset Avenue.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-386

Magi No. 2003865801

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company

## 2. Location

street & number North Somerset Avenue ☐ not for publication

city, town Princess Anne ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other: Firehouse

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name The Town of Princess Anne

street & number North Somerset Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Princess Anne state and zip code Md. 21853

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Md. 21853

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

### Princess Anne Fire Department description

The Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company is located on the west side of North Somerset Avenue in the center business district of Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, six-bay brick fire house faces east with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Dated by a plaque to 1947, the two-story, six-bay main block is built of stretcher bond brick and covered with a steeply pitched asphalt shingle with parapet gables. The south and rear wings are covered by flat tarred roofs.

The west elevation of the main block is a symmetrical facade with three large openings on the first floor and six six-over-six sash windows on the second. The base of the building is marked by a limestone footing. Each of the three first floor openings is topped by a long jack arch. The southern two bays of the main block are garage door openings for fire engines, while the north bay is filled with a multi-paned door and window that open into the town offices. The office door is shaded by an aluminum awning. The second floor is lighted by six evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows also topped with jack arches. A limestone beltcourse stretches between the first and second floor. The base of the roof is finished in a neo-Federal manner with a decorative modillioned cornice. Red globe lights are attached to the wall between each garage bay, and a commemorative plaque with the 1947 date is fixed between the first and second bay from the north.

Extending to the south is a single-story, two-bay section initially built with the main fire house. The exterior finishes follow along the same lines as the main building, and the beltcourse of the fire house extends southward as capping stones for the single-story wall. The south gable end of the main block above the single-story section is a plain brick wall with a limestone cap that covers the parapet.

The north gable end is an asymmetrical elevation with an assortment of single- and paired six-over-six sash windows. Located in the upper gable is a round window of nine panes. Four limestone keystones highlight the four key points on the top, bottom and sides. The two-story rear wing is lighted by single six-over-six sash windows on each floor.

The first floor garage interior is fitted according to the utilitarian needs of a fire station, while the northern third of the first floor is currently used as the town office. The second floor is divided into meeting rooms.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1947

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

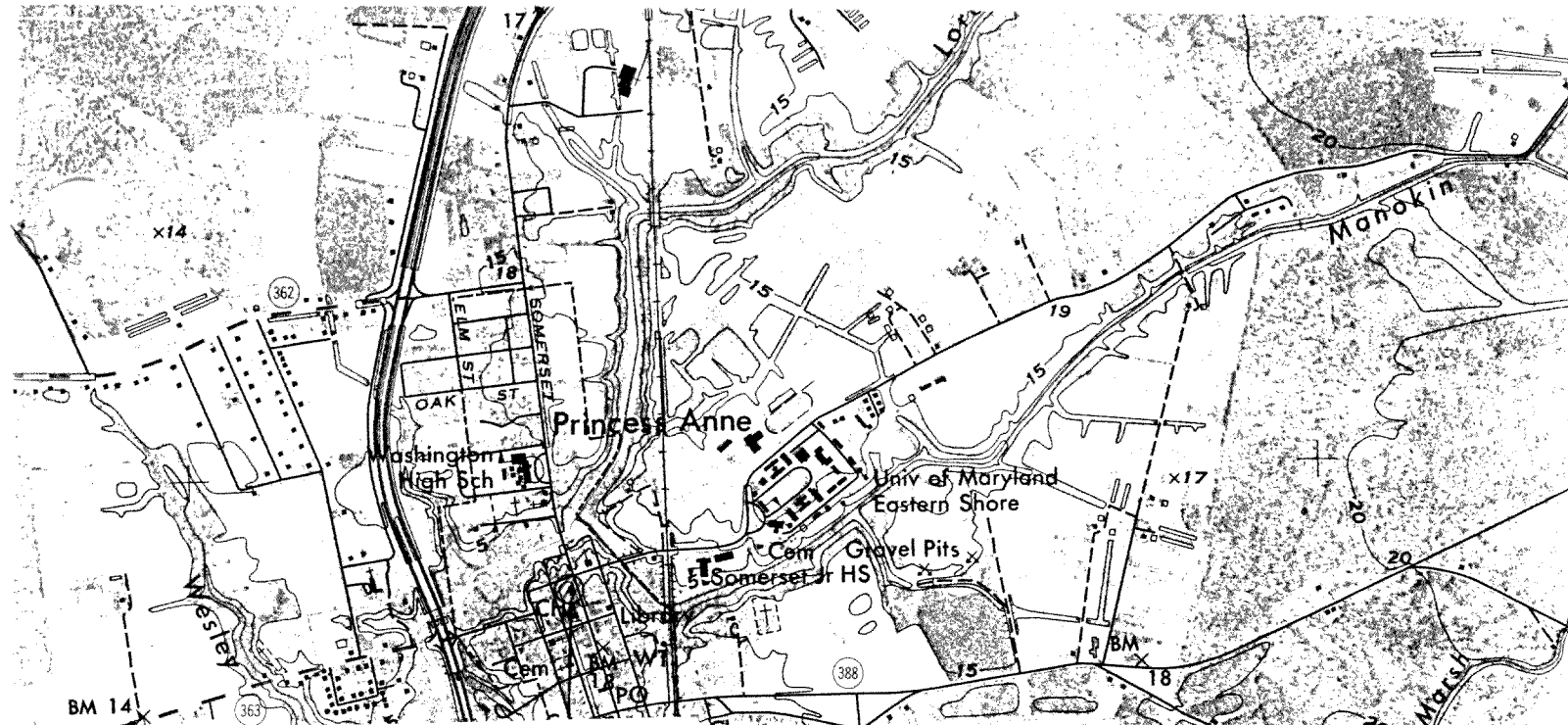
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

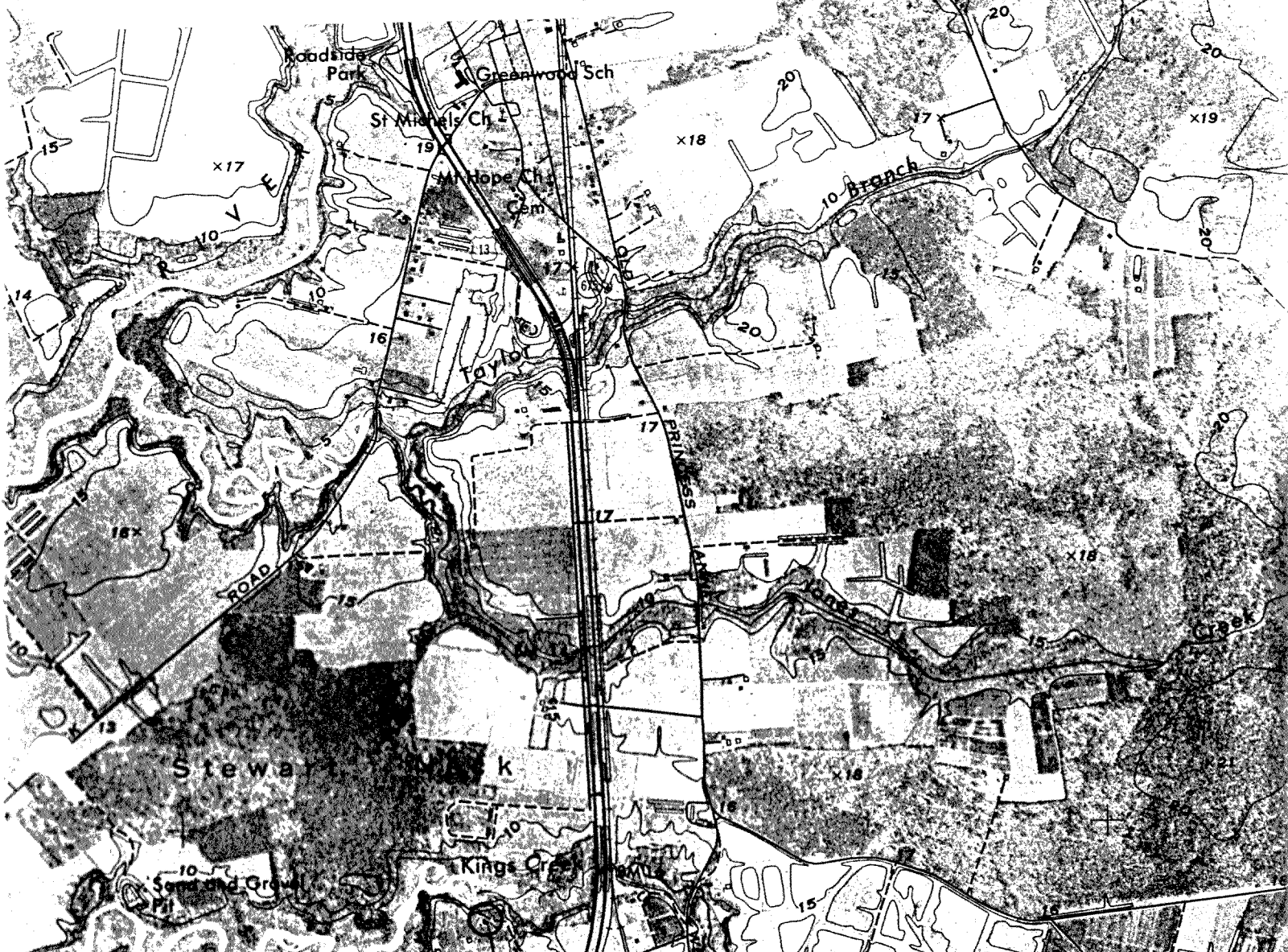
### SIGNIFICANCE

The Princess Anne Fire Station is a well-designed neo-Federal brick structure erected in 1947. The two-story brick station is finished with standard features including brick jack arches, a stone beltcourse, a decorated cornice and parapet gables. Located in the center of Princess Anne, the stretcher bond brick building contributes to the historic qualities of Somerset Avenue with its revival design.





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Princess Anne Fire Department  
Princess Anne, MD Quadrangle, 1972





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Princess Anne, Somerset Co., Md.

East Elevation

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Princess Anne, Somerset Co., Md.  
Northeast Elevation  
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